

elastic strap sized to length to connect the pin to the glove on the hand of the skier under tension so that, upon depressing the button, the strap can pull the pin out of the attachment mechanism.

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12. (New) A quick release attachment system according to claim 10 in which the finger is moveable between a first position engaging the notch and a second position out of the notch, the attachment mechanism further including a spring biasing the finger into the first position.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are allowed. Claims 8-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112(2) and claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Wittstock, DE 4,103,235 A1. Objection is made to the Form of Specification and Claims. Reconsideration is requested.

Substitute reissue-application pages 15 and 16 are submitted herewith in which new claims 8-10 are underlined.

Pursuant to MPEP §1404, 1442.1 and 1442.04, Applicant hereby notifies the Office that the following lawsuit alleging infringement of parent U.S. Patent No. 5,443,287 (*Galen Wells v. Leki USA, Inc., Mountain Shop, LLC and US Outdoor Store* (D. Oregon)) has been filed. We do not represent the Applicant in this matter and do not have any particulars on this case.

The Examiner indicated in the action that all references cited in the original patent were considered in this reissue application, except that DT 26 18 723 A1 could not be located. A substitute copy of that reference is enclosed herewith.

Claims 8 and 10 are amended to overcome the rejections under §112(2).

Claim 10 is amended to define the attachment mechanism more clearly. The subject matter of the claim as amended appears in the specification at page 10, lines 9-19, and also pertains to the FIG. 9 embodiment described at page 10, line 30 through page 11, line 6.


Claims 11 and 12 are added, depending from claim 10. Claim 11 is supported at page 5, line 19 through page 6, line 17 and also at page 11, lines 4-6. Claim 12 is supported at

page 10, lines 17-21. No new matter is added.

Claim 10 is patentable over Wittstock. In Wittstock, the thrustpiece (20) in the wall of duct (18) is fixed, not retractable as is the finger of claim 10. The push button (30) is mechanically coupled to the tongue or slip arm (26). Thus, Wittstock does not disclose or suggest using a retractable finger to engage in a notch in a pin, with the pushbutton mechanically coupled to the finger so that the finger can be retracted to release the notched pin.

Accordingly, applicant requests that the amendments be entered and the application be allowed.

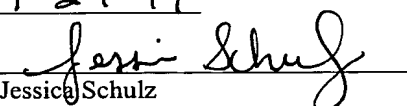
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